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25X1 1. [] George Murphy, Joint Committee on Atomic Energy staff, called referring to the 25 September New York Times story reporting that the British had made public a case study describing how a representative of Tekhnophimport was expelled from the U.K. after seeking computer-connected electronic equipment embargoed by the U.K. government. Murphy said he would like additional information, or at least a copy of the British release. I reminded him this was an internal case being handled by MI-5 and suggested he get in touch with the FBI. However, I said we would try to get what we could. [] is checking to get the handout and any other info suitable for passing.

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25X1 2. [] Called Dave Abshire, Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations, Department of State, to offer some revisions to the draft letter from Abshire to Fulbright commenting on the Cooper bill (requiring the Agency to provide intelligence material to the Congress). Abshire didn't have this draft and I later called Bill McAfee, INR, and passed on our proposals to him which he accepted.

I told Abshire we were curious as to why he, and not the Secretary, was signing the letter to Fulbright on what appeared to be a major issue of this sort. Abshire said the chief reason was that letters from an Assistant Secretary attracted less publicity than letters from the Secretary adding that also, if necessary, the Secretary could repudiate them with minimum embarrassment.

25X1 3. [] In response to his request, I provided Bill McAfee, INR, with rough figures on the number of Agency appearances before congressional committees which he said they might need in response to questions from the Foreign Relations Committee arising out of the above mentioned letter to the Chairman opposing the Cooper bill.

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